

Ladies, Contraband, and Spies: Women in the Civil War

Questions for Analyzing Photographs

What do you see?	What do you infer?	What do you need to research?
Describe what you see in the photograph – the forms and structures, and the arrangement of the various elements. Avoid personal feelings or interpretations. Your description should help someone who has not seen the image to visualize it.	Describe your personal feelings, associations, and judgments about the image. Always anchor your subjective response in something that is seen. For example, "I see..., and it makes me think of..." Prior knowledge based on experience, study, assumptions, and intuitions.	What you can conclude. What questions does this photograph raise? What else would you need to know?